

REMARKS

Applicants submit this response to the Office Action dated February 26, 2002, Paper No. 14. Claims 73-81 are currently under examination. Applicants note that claims 73-81 are allowed.

Applicants respectfully traverse the objection that Figures 22-25 constitute new matter; however, in order to expedite allowance of the present application, and as the figures in question bear no relationship to the allowed claims in this case, applicants have elected to cancel Figures 22-25, and delete the description of Figures 22-24 at page 7, lines 8-12.

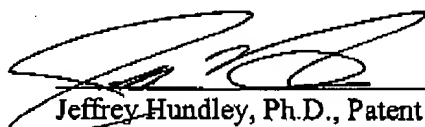
A Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 206-694-4885 with any questions, comments, or suggestions.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version With Markings to Show Changes Made."

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADEIn the Specification:

Please amend the specification by deleting the description of Figures 22-24, at page 7, lines 8-12.

~~Figure 22 shows O8E expression in HEK 293 cells. The cells were probed with anti-O8E rabbit polyclonal antisera #23331.~~

~~Figure 23 shows the ELISA analysis of anti-O8E rabbit sera.~~

~~Figure 24 shows the ELISA analysis of affinity purified rabbit anti-O8E polyclonal antibody.~~

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